

Appl. No. 10/092,579  
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Reply to Office Action of April 14, 2005

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A method for providing a proxy service in a computer network, comprising the steps of: receiving a request to access a device, determining the a path to the device, ascertaining what firewall rules exist for that given path, ~~and redirecting the a~~ client to the appropriate proxy, if any is needed, for that path, by sending a redirect message to the client which informs the client of the address to which to redirect itself, and enabling the request received by the client to communicate with the device.